

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are now pending in the application and stand rejected. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1, 2, 3 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 9 are amended to recite apparatus for performing configuration management relative to an aircraft. Claim 1 is further amended to recite "...a web server module resident in the computer...and... a web browser module resident in the computer..." Claim 9 is amended to recite "...server and browser modules resident in the computer." Claim 3 (dependent on claim 1) is amended to recite "...a configuration file resident in the computer..." Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to claims 1, 2, 3 and 9 render moot the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Pratt (U.S. Pat. No. 7,043,537). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Pratt describes a system and method for configuring a network device 120, *e.g.*, a web server or router, from a remote client 110 (FIG. 1; col. 1, lines 56-58; col. 2, lines 48-50). The remote client 110 has a web engine 130, *e.g.*, a Netscape web browser

(FIG. 1; col. 4, lines 20-25). The network device 120 has a web server 185. Pratt apparently does not anticipate a web browser and a web server resident on the same device. Accordingly, the system of Pratt cannot anticipate "...a web server module resident in the computer that includes the received data in ... web pages to provide a plurality of maintenance and/or engineering functions selectable by a user of the computer and performable via the computer as to the aircraft; and a web browser module resident in the computer and configured to display the ...web pages on a display of the computer" as recited in amended claim 1.

As to independent claim 9, and as previously discussed, Pratt apparently does not anticipate a web browser and a web server resident on the same device. Accordingly, the system of Pratt cannot anticipate "...a computer connectible with the aircraft to transmit data to and retrieve data from... modules of the aircraft, the data pertaining to ...maintenance and/or engineering functions performable as to the aircraft; and a configuration file resident in the computer that receives data transmitted from the aircraft, wherein the computer formats the data from the configuration file for presentation as ...web pages to a user of the computer via a display of the computer, said formatting performed standalone using server and browser modules resident in the computer" as recited in claim 9 as amended.

As to independent claim 14, and as previously discussed, Pratt apparently does not anticipate a web browser and a web server resident on the same device. Accordingly, the system of Pratt cannot anticipate "...connecting a computer to the aircraft to obtain data describing (a) ...hardware components of the aircraft and (b) software resident in the...hardware components; causing the data to be transferred

from the aircraft to the computer; and viewing the transferred data on a display of the computer in...web pages formatted by server and browser modules resident in the computer" as recited in claim 14 as amended.

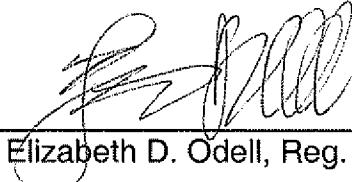
As to independent claim 17, and as previously discussed, Pratt apparently does not anticipate a web browser and a web server resident on the same device. Accordingly, the system of Pratt cannot anticipate "...connecting with and receiving data from the aircraft; formatting the data in...web pages using a server module resident in the computer; displaying the...web pages using a browser module resident in the computer; and performing ...maintenance functions as to the aircraft in response to input from a user via the ...web pages" as recited in claim 17 as amended. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 9, 14 and 17, and the claims respectively dependent thereon, should be allowed over Pratt.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7521.

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